

OVERDUE GOLD SHIP WAS IN BIG TORNADO'S PATH

Steamer Arabistan Has Not Been Heard from for Six Days.

Maritime circles in New York to-day were particularly anxious concerning the British steamer Arabistan, which has \$2,000,000 in gold on board and which is now six days overdue.

The agents for the ship, Norton & Son, of the Produce Exchange, to-day admitted that the Arabistan had been in the zone of the terrific storm which swept over the West Indies last week.

While expressing confidence that the vessel will report all right, they do not deny that she may have been sent to the bottom, weighted by her

Bankers who believe that a part of the consignment of gold is for them and many merchants who are expecting shipments of merchandise from South America to-day flooded the offices of Norton & Son and the Maritime Exchange with inquiries about the vessel.

Made Many Inquiries.

That the Maritime Exchange is worried over the disappearance of the Arabiatan is shown by the five separate inquiries it made by telephone

The Arabistan, an old British-built tramp, whose two funnels and peculiar construction are known by seafaring men all over the world, left Buenavista Ayres on Sept. 23 with a cargo of general merchandise and \$3,000,000 of gold in safes. She was to touch at several West Indian ports and then proceed to Boston, coming to New York after a discharge of cargo at Boston.

The gold was for New York bankers so Norton & Son believe. She was due to arrive in New York on Nov. 2. The Arabistan was at San Lucia on Oct. 12, and should have reached San Juan, Porto Rico, between Oct. 17 and 19. The severe storm which wrecked many vessels and did great damage to many West Indian islands was at it's height Oct. 15 and 17.

In Course of the Storm.

The Arabistân was due to navigate rectly in the course of the storm, and there is little doubt in shipping circles in New York that the old vessel had a hard time. But hopes are expressed that instead of being sunk the Arabistân was merely disabled and is taking time to reach port.

But skippers say that six days is

long time to be overdue in West India waters, where there are so many ports and where there are so many ports and travelling steamships. The bell that told that if the Arabistan was still afloat she would have been reported by vessel passing her.

The gold on the Arabistan was shipped by Buenos Ayres bankers to New York bankers. Who these consignees are is not known by the agents, who say that they will not know until they get the ship's manifest.

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